



Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission  
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**APPLICATION**  
**FOR THE**  
**INDIANA SUPREME COURT**

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
**Deadline – Wednesday, June 30, 2010**

I. Provide your:

A. Full legal name and any former names.

Susan Dorothy Orr Henderson  
f/k/a Susan Dorothy Orr

B. Current home and office addresses, including email addresses and telephone numbers.

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C. Date and place of birth.

DOB: February 21, 1958  
Place of Birth: Manchester, New Hampshire

D. Complete a State Police release form printed on green paper. Include the release only with the original application and not with the copies.

*Please see attached.*

II. Attach a recent photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application.

*Please see attached.*

- III. A. State in what county you currently reside and since what date.

Fountain County, Indiana. Family moved to Fountain County, fall, 1961.

- B. List all previous counties of residence, with dates.

Monroe County, Indiana, while attending Indiana University  
Academic years 1976/77; 1977/78; 1978/79 and 1979/80

Montgomery County, Ohio, while attending University of Dayton School of Law  
Academic years 1980/81; 1981/82 and 1983/84

- C. When were you admitted to the Indiana Bar?

October 12, 1984

- D. Are you currently on active status? Yes

- E. What is your attorney number? 10361-23 a

- IV. A. List below all colleges and universities you attended other than law schools. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>
Indiana University	1976 - 1980	B.S.in Education

- B. List below all law schools and post-J.D. programs attended. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree and Class Rank</u>
University of Dayton School of Law	1980-82; 1983-84	Juris Doctorate, (class ranking not provided by University)

C. Describe any academic honors, awards, and scholarships you received and when.

Law School: American Jurisprudence Award for academic excellence in Bills and Notes, Fall, 1983.

V. A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college, including titles or positions, locations, and dates.

I graduated from Indiana University in 1980 and enrolled in law school at the University of Dayton fall, 1980. My employment during that time follows:

- Beef House Restaurant, Covington, IN
  - Server, summers while in college and law school between 1976 to 1984
- Wallace, Campbell, Bunch, Shambach Rennick and Orr Law Firm, Covington, IN
  - Law Clerk, May 1982-August 1983; May-October 1984
  - Associate, October 1984-Dec.31,1986
  - Partner, January 1, 1987-Dec. 1, 1999
- Fountain County Prosecutor's Office, Covington, IN
  - Deputy Prosecutor, October 1984-December 31, 1990
- Fountain Circuit Court Judge, Covington, IN
  - January 1, 1999 to Present

B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law, present and former, and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.

I was in private practice in a rural county seat for 14 years before taking the bench. During that time period, I represented clients in a variety of civil matters and also served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney on behalf of the State of Indiana. My general civil practice included, among other areas, family law, bankruptcy, estate planning, tax preparation, insurance defense and plaintiff's litigation.

As a deputy prosecutor for six years in Fountain County, I was responsible for a wide range of matters, including IV-D child support enforcement, misdemeanor and felony cases in Fountain Circuit Court and misdemeanor cases in Attica City Court. I also assisted in trials with the Prosecutor/Chief Deputy in the prosecution of major felonies.

My partners at the Wallace Law Firm were: Don P. Campbell; James R. Bunch; John L. Shambach; and Richard L. Rennick, Jr. Stephanie S. Campbell was employed as an Associate at the time I left the firm.

C. Describe the extent of your jury experience, if any.

While serving as Deputy Prosecutor, I tried several jury trials ranging from misdemeanor operating while intoxicated offenses to major felonies, including habitual offender enhancements. As a private practitioner, I handled or assisted with a number of civil jury trials, representing the interests of both plaintiffs and defendants. My legal representation included all aspects of the trial - from jury selection, opening statements, submission of evidence, preparation of witnesses, jury instructions and closing arguments.

D. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience, including a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.

Fountain Circuit Court is a court of general jurisdiction. As the Fountain Circuit Court Judge since January 1999, I oversee a Small Claims/IV-D commissioner who assists with those dockets. I preside over criminal, probate, juvenile, and civil matters. My judicial experience covers all areas of the law, including both bench and jury trials. My first jury experience as a judge actually occurred the month before I took office when my predecessor appointed me *judge pro tem* to preside over a misdemeanor Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated jury trial. Interesting issues were raised regarding the chemical tests performed, and I was both challenged and enthused by the experience.

Since that time, I have presided over many criminal jury trials, including a death penalty case (the death penalty component was withdrawn prior to jury selection), child molesting, operating while intoxicated, armed robbery with habitual enhancement, burglary/theft, various versions of drug offenses, and child abduction. I have presided over a number of civil trials involving negligence allegations and a few involving insurance denial of coverage. Most recently I had a case involving a complicated child wrongful death/dram shop/negligence and nuisance issues. Although the case settled during jury selection, the process of getting to trial presented several unique and challenging issues. Plaintiffs pursued several remedies, including an attempt to recover under both Indiana nuisance laws and Illinois nuisance laws. That choice of law issue went up on interlocutory appeal wherein the Court of Appeals ruled that Indiana law applied. Although the appellate decision was accepted for transfer by the Supreme Court, the transfer was vacated shortly after oral argument occurred.

Since being elected, I have completed a number of judicial educational courses; including attending the National Judicial College in 2000 for a two week course in General Jurisdiction, a one week course in Handling Capital Cases in 2001, and one week course in Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2009. I am a 2006 graduate of Indiana Judicial College and a 2007 graduate of the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges.

VI. A. If applicable, list by caption, case number, and filing date up to five of your trial or appellate briefs and/or written judicial opinions.

Marty Alexander, et al  
v.  
Lake Hide-A-Way Improvement Corp.  
23C01-0501-PL-00076  
Order entered on July 7, 2005

Flex-N-Gate  
v.  
Town of Veedersburg  
23C01-0402-PL-00056  
Order entered on May 30, 2006

Rebecca Shaw, Individually and as  
Adminstratrix of the Estate of  
Kayla Nichole Hughes, et al  
v.  
LDC Enterprises Inc., d/b/a  
I&I Steakhouse, et al  
23C01-0408-CT-00354  
Orders entered on Feb. 17, 2009 and Oct. 15, 2009

In re the Marriage of Edward Phillips  
and Regina Phillips  
23C01-0804-DR-00160  
Order entered on May 8, 2008

State of Indiana  
v.  
Stephen E. Quick, II  
23C01-0903-FA-00128  
Order entered on May 13, 2010

B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, by date, and by subject matter.

*Indiana Code 33-37-11-3(b) as amended July 2007, regarding the use of unencumbered monies in the jury pay fund to be used toward maintaining and promoting the jury system.* I collaborated with my local State Representative to amend this code section to allow courts to use proceeds accumulated and unencumbered for uses beyond only the daily fees to be paid jurors. The intent of the legislation was preserved, while permitting courts to make improvements to the jury system without burdening the county general fund. For example, it allows courts to use those proceeds to upgrade or replace the furniture in the jury room or purchase/ upgrade computer software for the jury administrator or offset postage expenses for the large volume of mailings to jurors or prospective jurors.

C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

I served as a member of the Juvenile Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference 1999-2004. The committee revised the Benchbook materials relied upon by juvenile judges and I contributed to several chapters of the pre H.B.1001 version of the Benchbook, including a chapter on instituting proceedings in a delinquency matter.

I have served as a member, 2004-2008 and more recently as the Chair, 2008 to present, of the Probate Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference. The committee has revised the Benchbook materials relied upon by probate judges, and I have contributed to several chapters of that Benchbook, including a chapter on trusts (2007 and 2009 revisions), a chapter on adoption and a chapter on Dead Man's statutes.

D. Include with your application copies of any four of the written materials listed above in Section VI. A., B., and C. *See attached.*

E. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

While in private practice, I accepted *pro bono* cases from Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana and served on its Board for 1996-98. Most of my *pro bono* cases involved landlord/tenant disputes and family law matters, including custody, support and dissolution. During that period of time, I was the only lawyer in the county accepting referrals from that program. I also donated legal services to ensure the establishment of a family crisis/domestic violence telephone hotline in Fountain County at the request of Women's Shelter in Montgomery County in the mid-1980's.

F. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

*As Judge:*

*In re the Matter of JP, a Child Alleged to be a Child in need of Services:* 1999. This was a filing within the first months of my career as a judge. The local Dept. of Child Services removed this child from his parents shortly after his birth while he was still in the hospital. The Dept. alleged the child's mother suffered from Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy and supported their allegations by introducing evidence regarding the death of a child mother had provided day care services for, as well as the death of a previously born child to mother. It was my first experience as a judge dealing with an issue of major media focus (NBC's Dateline did a story on this case); and more importantly issues involving the fundamental rights of parents to raise their children and the admissibility of evidence as it related to the science behind this syndrome.



*State of Indiana v. Stevan Wilburn*: 2000. This was a murder filing where the State added a death penalty enhancement. This kind of filing required numerous hearings, the selection of an out-of-county jury, and an analysis of the Indiana and federal laws regarding the death penalty. Defendant filed a motion to dismiss the enhancement raising significant Constitutional issues. A Marion county colleague was also dealing with this issue at the same time and while my case was being argued to me, he ruled in favor of the defendant in his court. I read his analysis and respected his thoughtful consideration of the issue, but I disagreed with his conclusions and denied Defendant's motion to dismiss the death penalty component. The State withdrew that component prior to trial. It was significant to me not only because it allowed me to review the Indiana law from a constitutional viewpoint but from the very human perspective of addressing a person's life, not simply his liberty.

*In the Matter of the Honorable L. Benjamin Pfaff, Judge of the Elkhart Superior Court I*: 2005. I served on a panel of Masters in a disciplinary proceeding involving the actions of Judge Pfaff, who was accused of numerous violations of judicial ethics. This case was tried to the panel over a period of three days and based upon the evidence, it was the Masters' recommendation that the judge be removed from office. The ability to review the evidence and discuss the merits of the legal arguments advocated with the other Masters presented me with a rare opportunity to participate in a decision making process as part of a three judge panel. Although the law enforcement investigation into the allegations concluded the judge did not participate in any wrongdoing, the panel determined that he clearly had. The experience reinforced my opinion that the system's design and reliance upon on the Judicial Canons to police judicial misconduct works.

*Fountain County Interagency Team/ Fountain County Mentoring, Inc.*: Fountain County is a rural community with little in the way of local resources for families seeking help. Early in my tenure as judge, I was often called upon by families seeking my help/guidance in dealing with issues they were confronting with their children. Unfortunately, unless that child was somehow in the system, either as a delinquent or Child in Need of Services, there was little the court could do. I had one particular single Mother who called the court seeking help with her teenage son, frustrated that law enforcement and his school was not providing her with any help. He had not committed any criminal offenses and had no other reason to appear before the court. He finally committed a drug offense and was placed on court supervision. He thrived under court supervision (or so I thought) and the day he was released from supervision he went home and committed suicide. That outcome was devastating and unacceptable. It was the impetus for me to seek resources and the collaboration of schools/service providers/ ministerial alliance and others to put a voluntary plan into action for those families seeking help. The Fountain County Inter-Agency Team was created. Problems are approach based upon the needs of the child/family to provide what I refer to as a "holistic" referral of services to address those needs. The Fountain County Mentoring program was also an outgrowth of this effort. Projecting the long-term success of these types of programs is difficult, but I

feel confident that the families involved have already benefited from these programs. The process has allowed me to be much more proactive in meeting with school administrators/service providers/city and county officials and faith based organizations and it has given families a resource they can voluntarily turn to that does not involve the coercive intervention of the court

*As a lawyer:*

*State v Michel Sheridan: 1986.* As a IV-D child support prosecutor, it was my responsibility to enforce child support obligations for those parents receiving what was at the time referred to as welfare benefits. One option available to a prosecutor is to seek criminal sanctions if appropriate. The current Prosecutor had a policy of not filing criminal charges in such cases. He believed that the threat of the filing was a sufficient deterrent to ensure compliance with court orders. I respectfully disagreed because it was apparent to me that the threat was not enough. In this case, the Prosecutor allowed me to file the criminal charge and prosecute the matter through jury trial with the understanding that if the defendant was acquitted, we would be losing what he considered a valuable tool in child support enforcement. I tried the case to a jury. The defendant was convicted, and the court imposed an executed sentence. This case was significant to the local law enforcement community, bar association and those parents raising children without the support to which they were entitled. This was meaningful to me in a number of ways. I was the first attorney in the county to prosecute such a case, and although my boss told me he would support my decision to prosecute, he would not be associated with the case, and I was on my own to see it through. It tested my decision making process, my trial skills, and my ability to be a more effective lawyer.

G. Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court.

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VII. A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

I currently serve as Chair of the Probate Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference and in that capacity am involved with the Adult Guardianship Task Force, a bi-partisan group working to assess the needs of our aging population with the goal of developing recommendations to the legislature and judiciary. I participated in organizing and was a presenter at a summit hosted by this group in May, 2009.

I participate once a month in an afterschool program that meets weekly for elementary students (kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade). I contribute a lesson on a character trait/value that is being promoted in the school that month.

I served as Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the ISBA 2007-2009 and in that capacity involved that section in contributing and participating in the Access to Justice Conference held in 2008.

I served as Co-chair of a bi-partisan Assessment and Service Referral Subcommittee of the Juvenile Law Commission to review juvenile justice issues and submit findings with recommendations in 2004.

I have served as a member of the Local Rules Committee of the Indiana Supreme Court, commencing in 2002. I reviewed the local rules of the courts in my district and worked to unify the numbering system of those local rules to the Indiana Trial Rules.

I have served as a Mentor Judge as part of a program sponsored by the Indiana Judicial Center. I have mentored one new judge who was assigned to me and one that I took on voluntarily. My role is to be available to assist him/her with any issues, questions or concerns that may arise during the early years on the bench. In that role, I initiate frequent contact and offer advice and encouragement. I continue to maintain regular contact with those judges, and they contact me when the need arises. I appreciated the program when I was a new judge and still call upon my mentor judge when confronted with a unique or confusing problem. This is a worthy program and the rewards go beyond the assistance being provided.

Hon. John Rader and I are working to establish a bi-county (Warren and Fountain) drug/alcohol court. This is a first of its kind, multi-jurisdictional effort to serve the needs of our respective counties and to more effectively utilize the judicial resources available to us. We successfully obtained a Court Reform grant to explore the issue, and we are working toward the implementation phase at this time.

I established a Teen Court program in 1999 that allows juvenile first offenders the chance to have the disposition in their case be determined by a jury of their peers after an admission of guilt. This program requires the participation of the child's

parent as well. Local schools modified their student handbooks to allow the referral of students to the Teen Court to serve as jurors as a community service component of their education, as well as a sanction for minor infractions. Juveniles referred to Teen Court for disposition are also required to participate, as part of their disposition, in a Teen Court proceeding as either a juror, prosecutor or defense counsel.

I established an out of school suspension program in 2000 for students who are expelled or suspended from school. The child and a parent are directed to appear at 8:30a.m. the day following the notice of suspension by the school for an informal hearing. This program does not interfere with the due process rights of the student to pursue administrative review of his/her suspension, but does require the student to appear at the out-of-school suspension facility, do homework and receive partial credit for the work submitted. The program eliminates a student from being out of school, unsupervised and losing credits. It also requires a parent's participation and getting parental involvement reduces repeated acts of the child leading to the suspension. The number of students facing suspension has decreased since the implementation of this program. I testified before a legislative committee in favor of the amendments to the juvenile laws that allowed courts the opportunity to establish this type of informal proceeding.

I created a Courthouse Security committee with the assistance of the local sheriff and emergency management director. Through our efforts we were able to obtain grant monies to install security cameras throughout the courthouse and are working on another funding opportunity to broaden the security with the goal of installing cameras outside the building. We established emergency protocols in the event of fire/tornado or hostage situation and recently completed our COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) in the event of a major calamity that requires the relocation of county offices/services.

B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues.

I am the first female attorney in Fountain County and the first female Judge. I have jurisdiction over all matters in the county, with the exception of the infractions and minor misdemeanors filed in the Attica City Court. I believe I have a certain obligation to represent to all the youth in my area that gender is not a deterrent to any goal a person might have. I take every opportunity to appear at events sponsored by a youth agencies or program when invited. I am a presence at area ball games, 4-H fairs, school plays, and cultural events.

*Every 15 Minutes:* I have presided over a mock trial every year the area schools offered the "Every 15 Minutes" program, as well as the mock trials conducted by the high schools' law enforcement class.

I have made various presentations to local book clubs/sororities regarding the workings of the courts and programs implemented by the court. I have spoken as a guest presenter at various Veterans' Day services.

*Fountain County Values Awareness Initiative:* I led a collaborative effort through training and funding allocated to our county as part of the Saturn Initiative of Purdue University Extension. The team concept consists of the court/prosecutor/schools/DCS working together to bring community awareness to issues involving our youth. A series of public meetings and a needs assessment were conducted at the area schools that led to the implementation of programs in our county. As a result of these activities, the Fountain County Interagency Team was established, which is a group of various professionals who meet and devise case plans for children and their families who voluntarily participate in services without the coercive intervention of the court. We also established the Fountain County Values Awareness Initiative, which promotes a monthly value in the area businesses/churches and schools. I speak frequently as a part of this Initiative.

*21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars:* Judge Rader (Warren Circuit Court) and I have hosted the swearing-in ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in our two counties who participate in this scholarship opportunity. I use the opportunity to educate the students and their parents on the promises they are making to remain eligible, and it is a wonderful interactive event.

*Lilly Scholarship Committee:* 2000-2004. I served as Chair from 2002-2004. I analyzed scholarship applications; interviewed applicants and recommended recipients for a 4 year Lilly Scholarship for a deserving area high school Senior. Each of the three area schools had a committee, and I served on the Covington school committee.

C. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic or charitable organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

- Child-Adult Resource Services Inc.: Board member from 1986-94, President of the Board 1992-94. Not-for-profit organization that served the needs of mentally retarded citizens in the Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Clay, Montgomery and Putnam counties, including group homes/employment opportunities.
- Attica United Way: Board member, 1988-1991. Purpose: fundraising activities mostly to benefit local service providers in the Attica, IN area.
- Fountain County Mentoring, Inc.: established Sept. 2004 as a nonprofit corporation serving at risk youth, ages 6-16, by pairing the child with a positive adult role model. Corporation was established by the then-director of Fountain County DCS and me. I have served as President of the Board since its inception.
- Coffeenians: Member since 1994, served as Secretary and President and I am still an active member. Coffeenians is a local philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the memory of a beloved local teacher from the

1920's. Coffeenians has contributed to the improvement of the local parks programs in Covington, IN; provided scholarships to local students to attend in state and out of state educational opportunities and a number of other civic projects.

- Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana: mentioned under VI (E) above
- D. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.
- Indiana State Bar Association – purpose: the advancement of lawyers throughout the State
    - Board of Governors, Regional Representative, 2001-2003
    - Criminal Justice Section, Chair, 2007-2009. Its purpose is dedicated to the continuing education of lawyers in areas of criminal law as well as reports to the Board of Governors any positions the committee might have on pending litigation. As Chair, I organized members from our section and recruited additional presenters to participate in the statewide Access to Justice Conference held in 2008. As chair I submitted “From the Chair” introductions to our newsletter and chaired our quarterly meetings. I submitted annual reports on the activities of the section to the House of Delegates.
    - Women in the Law Section, Vice-Chair, 2003-2004. Participated in quarterly meetings, was a presenter at an ICLEF seminar dealing with issues of domestic violence. Despite its name, this section’s membership is open to both genders and its intent is to ensure gender neutrality and the advancement of women in the legal profession.
  - Indiana Bar Foundation, 1996, Life Fellow. This organization is dedicated to the advancement of justice in the State. Lawyers and judges who are members of this organization donate money and their time to ensure that the under privileged and needy are afforded access to justice. It offers a broad array of opportunities to educate the general public in the area of law, including the “We the People” competitions in the schools throughout the State.
  - National Association of Women Judges, Member since 2000. This association promotes fairness and equality in the courts.
  - National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges - Member, since 2000. This organization provides training and resources to assist juvenile and family court judges. Its goal is to improve the effectiveness of juvenile courts.
  - Indiana Judicial Conference- served on the Board 2005-2009. Participated in discussions and voted on revisions/amendments/creation of numerous rules and programs the judiciary supported. Examples include: amendments to jury rules; revisions to policies/procedures involving problem solving courts or probation. I also worked with Judge Peggy Lohorn in making the Board’s presentation to

the courts in our district regarding the Board's vision for long range strategic changes to the operation of the courts in Indiana.

E. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

*Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)*, Member, 1988 to present; served as Vice-Regent of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter, Purpose: promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The Richard Henry Lee Chapter was involved in raising funds for local scholarships and educational awards, preserving historical properties and artifacts and promoting patriotism within the nearby communities. While Vice Regent, I organized and led the members in seeking recognition of Covington as a George Washington Bi-Centennial community (honoring the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death). This required numerous presentations to the elementary and middle schools, public presentation at the Covington City Council meetings, presentation to the City of an American flag flown over Mr. Vernon and participation in community service activities, including the planting of a tulip poplar tree from Mt. Vernon that our Chapter planted on the VFW grounds in Covington, IN.

F. Indicate your experience teaching law, and provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

- Undergraduate: Ivy Tech College, Crawfordsville branch: 1985-1986. Taught business law for two semesters
- Indiana Judicial Conference Presenter:
  - Spring, 2010, Subject: Guardianship Matters;
  - Fall, 2009, Subject: Legislative Changes to the Probate Code and Administrative Matters;
  - Fall, 2008, Subject: Being Partisan under the Code of Judicial Ethics;
  - Spring 2008 Subject: Issues affecting Rural Courts;
  - Fall, 2007, Subject: Jury Management;
  - Spring, 2007, Subject: Problems Unique to Rural Courts;
  - January, 2007, Subject: New Judges training on General Jurisdiction;
  - Fall, 2006, Subject: Canons of Judicial Ethics and Political Campaigns;
  - January, 2003, Subject: Orientation for New Juvenile Judges;
  - Spring, 2002, Subject: Managing the Courtroom;
  - Dec., 2001, Subject: Access to Justice;
  - January, 2001, New Judges training, Case Management of Probate Matters
- Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Presenter:
  - Domestic Violence issues for New Lawyers, July, 2002;
  - Planning Your First Divorce, 1997



G. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

In my leisure time, I enjoy reading and writing poetry. I also like being outdoors fishing and gardening. Last year, my mother taught me the craft of rug hooking, which I now enjoy for its own sake, but also because it is something my mother and I share. My husband and I enjoy spending time with our families, particularly the time we get to share with our three grandchildren. I like to walk and do yoga for exercise and stress relief.

VIII. A. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references other than those listed in Section VI. G.

Stephen L. Williams	Hon. Terry Shewmaker
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P.O. Box 1643	Goshen, Indiana 46526
Terre Haute, Indiana 47808	574 535-6425
812 232-0107	

Hon. Terrence J. Cody  
Floyd Circuit Court  
311 Hauss Square, Rm 417  
New Albany, Indiana 47150  
812 948-5455

B. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three personal references other than those listed in VI. G.

Dr. Judy Bush	Jeffry Lind
Superintendent, Attica Schools	Fleshner,Starke,
205 E. Sycamore St.	Tanoos& Nelson
Attica Indiana, 47918	201 Ohio St.
765 762-7000	Terre Haute, Indiana 47808
	812 232-2000

Dudley Cruea  
416 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Covington, Indiana  
765 762-1000, ext. 321

C. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including bankruptcies and dissolutions, to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation.

Dissolution of Marriage, 1993  
Hamilton County, 29D03-9303-DR-00106  
Susan D. Orr v. James R. Bunch



- D. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.

No

- E. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide dates.

Admitted: United States Supreme Court, March 2, 1998

Admitted: United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, Oct. 12, 1984

Admitted: United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, Oct. 12, 1984

- F. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number if applicable, and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.

Not applicable

- G. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

Not applicable

- IX. A. Attach a recent statement from your physician describing your general physical condition.

- B. Within the past three years, have you been diagnosed or treated for an emotional or mental condition or illness, including any condition that involves treatment for drug or alcohol use? If so, provide the dates of assessment and/or treatment and the names and addresses of your doctors or other treatment providers.

- C. Are you able to perform the essential functions of Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, with or without accommodation?

Yes

6/28/2010  
DATE

Susan Orr Henderson  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Susan Orr Henderson  
PRINTED NAME, Susan Orr Henderson

## WAIVER AND STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned applicant authorizes the release to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its staff or agents any records, reports, and documents, whether or not otherwise confidential, which may be requested by the Commission in the performance of its evaluations of candidates pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2. The scope of this authorization extends to, but is not necessarily limited to, requests from the Commission for Federal, State or local tax records, criminal and driving histories from any jurisdiction, attorney and judicial disciplinary records from any jurisdiction, whether pending or closed, and credit reports and histories. The undersigned releases and discharges the Judicial Nominating Commission, its individual members, its employees, agents and representatives, the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and any other agency or person or their agents or representatives providing information to the Commission from any and all liability arising from the furnishing and use of information concerning the undersigned applicant.

The undersigned agrees and understands that the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its members, agents, or employees, may interview or otherwise consult with members of the legal, judicial, and general community concerning the professional qualifications and the integrity of the applicant, that the name of the applicant will be released by the Commission upon its receipt of the application and this waiver, and that if, pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(d), the applicant is given further consideration as a candidate after the Commission's initial screening of candidates, or if no such screening occurs and all applicants are considered, the application will be made public. This waiver does not constitute an election by the applicant pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(3)(C) to authorize the release of investigatory records which are excepted from public inspection pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(1) and (2).

The undersigned agrees to immediately supplement this application upon any event or circumstance substantially affecting any answer provided in the application.

The undersigned acknowledges having read the Instructions attached to the application.

The undersigned agrees to resign from office or membership in any political organization upon submission of this application.

The undersigned affirms that, if nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor and thereafter appointed to this judicial office, the candidate will accept the appointment.

6/28/2010  
DATE

Susan Orr Henderson  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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